

UTU-71165

On July 15, 1998 Mr. Pete Stevenson from EPA called me concerning their monitoring of the 5-M, Inc. leach pad.

He said water sampling at the site was probably no longer needed, but the water level in the system should be monitored periodically. The EPA would check it when they were down, but the BLM or State should take over primary responsibility.

The BLM and/or State should also be monitoring the encapsulated pad for erosion or any use on top which might damage the integrity fo the liner.

I told him we had been doing that, but had thought the EPA was still monitoring the water.

Stevenson said there had been very little water in the encapsulated system, and the water below the liner was deep, so there was apparently no connection.

Stevenson will send me a copy of the keys to the wells, manholes, etc.

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The EPA is continuing to study the historic mill sites and tailings in the area. The Leeds Stamp Mill tailings show mercury contamination. The Leeds Stamp Mill is located in T. 41 S., R. 14 W., sec. 12 (just north of the ford across Leeds Creek) with the tailings occurring on both sides and in the creek channel.

Stevenson did not indicate any action was imminent at this site.